GREGORY H. WOODS, United States District Judge:

To conserve resources, to promote judicial efficiency, and in an effort to achieve a faster disposition of this matter, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties must discuss whether they are willing to consent, under 28 U.S.C. § 636(c), to conducting all further proceedings before the assigned Magistrate Judge.

If both parties consent to proceed before the Magistrate Judge, counsel for the defendant must, within two weeks of the date of this order file on ECF a fully executed Notice, Consent, and Reference of a Civil Action to a Magistrate Judge form, a copy of which is attached to this order (and also available at <a href="https://nysd.uscourts.gov/sites/default/files/2018-06/AO-3.pdf">https://nysd.uscourts.gov/sites/default/files/2018-06/AO-3.pdf</a>). The executed form should be filed on ECF as a "Proposed Consent to Jurisdiction by US Magistrate Judge," and be described using the "Proposed Consent to Jurisdiction by US Magistrate Judge" filing event in accordance with ECF Rule 13.27. If the Court approves that form, all further proceedings will then be conducted before the assigned Magistrate Judge rather than before me. Any appeal would be taken directly to the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, as it would be if the consent form were not signed and so ordered.

If either party does not consent to conducting all further proceedings before the assigned Magistrate Judge, the parties must file a joint letter, within two weeks of the date of this order

advising the Court that the parties do not consent, but without disclosing the identity of the party or parties who do not consent. The parties are free to withhold consent without negative consequences.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: March 29, 2023 New York, New York

GREGORNH. WOODS United States District Judge

## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

	for the	
Plaintiff V. Defendant		
NOTICE, CONSENT, AND REFERE	NCE OF A CIVIL ACTION TO A MAGISTRA	ATE JUDGE
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	ed to a magistrate judge, or you may withhold your co withholding consent will not be revealed to any jud	
	The following parties consent to have a United Sal, the entry of final judgment, and all post-trial pro	
Printed names of parties and attorneys	Signatures of parties or attorneys	Dates
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IT IS ORDERED: This case is referred order the entry of a final judgment in accordance	to a United States magistrate judge to conduct all juith 28 U.S.C. § 636(c) and Fed. R. Civ. P. 73.	proceedings and
Date:	District Judge's signature	?
	Printed name and title	

Return this form to the clerk of court only if you are consenting to the exercise of jurisdiction by a United States magistrate judge. Do not return this form to a judge.